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PERFORMING A SUBCUTANEOUS OPERATION

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Please enter the following amendments to the claims and consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2003 (the "Action").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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